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Washington, D.C. 20231Preliminary Amendment

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments:

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 7, 54, 56, 57 and 58.

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1. (Twice Amended) A method for inhibiting degradation in functional performance of motor or sensory nerves in an animal, comprising systemically administering to the animal an amount of a *hedgehog* polypeptide modified with two or more lipophilic moieties sufficient to inhibit degradation in the functional performance of motor or sensory nerves, wherein the

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